(l) Running water fish culture in hill areas @ 20% of the cost upto Rs. 4000/- for general category and 25% of the cost upto Rs. 5000/- for SC/ST.

(m) Integrated fish farming with piggery, poultry, duckery etc. @ 20% of the cost upto @ Rs. 16000/- per ha. for general category and @ 25% of the cost upto Rs. 20,000/- per ha. for SC/ST.

(n) Provision of aerator @ 25% of the cost upto Rs. 12,500/- per set.

(o) Establishment of small freshwater prawn seed hatchery @ 20% of the cost with maximum ceiling of Rs. 1.60/- lakh to entrepreneurs only.

(p) Establishment of fish feed units @ 20% of the cost upto Rs. 5.00/- lakh.

5. Integrated Coastal Aquaculture

The subsidy is provided for the following components:—

(c) Development/reclamation of brackishwater fish farm and first crop input @ 25% of the capital cost or cost of input for the first year upto Rs. 30,000/- per ha.

(d) Establishment of prawn/shrimp seed hatchery @ 10% of cost upto Rs. 1.00/ lakh-hatchery.

6. Welfare of fishermen

The subsidy is provided for the following components:—

(d) Construction of houses @ Rs. 40,000/- per dwelling unit.

(e) Saving-cum-relief @ Rs. 600/- per annum per fishermen for marine and @ Rs. 450/- per annum per fishermen for inland.

(f) Accidence insurance—Insurance premium is subsidized.

Assistance to Rural People for Beehiving, Fisheries and Poultry

†1334. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance is being provided by Government to the rural folks for beehiving, fisheries and poultry farming;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of persons provided with such assistance during last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether Government provide subsidies also for these activities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Government provide no direct financial assistance to rural folks or any individual for beehiving, fisheries and poultry farming.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.

(d) and (e) The Government is implementing number of schemes relating to beehiving and fisheries where subsidy is provided for these activities. The details of these schemes and amount of subsidy is indicated in the Statement *(See* below*)*. The Government, however does not provide any subsidy for poultry farming.

Statement

Details of the subsidy provided under various schemes for beehiving and fishery activities

1. Development of bee keeping for improving crop productivity

Under this scheme subsidy is provided for the following components:—

(a) Distribution of bee colonies @ 50% of the cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 250/- per colony

(b) Distribution of hives and bee equipment @ 50% of the cost of hives/equipment or Rs. 350/- per set whichever is less.

2. Development of Coastal Marine Fishery

Subsidy is provided on the following components:—

(a) Motorisation of traditional fishing craft Rs. 12000/- for IBM and @ Rs. 10000/- for OBM

(b) Reimbursement of excise duty on HSD oil Rs. 351.75/- per kl. of HSD.

(c) Purchase of gear box @ Rs. 6000/-

3. Development of Freshwater Aquaculture

The subsidy is provided for the following components:—

(a) Renovation/Reclamation of ponds @ 20% of the cost limited to Rs. 12,000/- per ha. for general category and @ 25% of the cost limted to Rs. 15,000/- per ha. for SC/ST.

(b) Cost of fish feed, fish seed, fertilizers, manure etc. @ 20% of the cost upto Rs. 6,000/- per ha. for general category and @ 25% of the cost for SC/ST upto Rs. 7500/- per ha.

(c) Construction of new ponds and tanks in own-land @ 20% of the cost upto Rs. 0.40/- lakh per ha. for general category and @ 25% of the cost upto Rs. 0.50/- for SC/ST. For hill States/Districts and NE Region @ 20% of the cost upto Rs. 0.60/- lakh per ha. for all farmers and 25% of the cost upto Rs. 0.75/- lakh per ha. for SC/ST.

(d) Running water fish culture in hill areas @ 20% of the cost upto Rs. 4000/- for general category and @ 25% of the cost upto Rs. 5000/- for SC/ST.

(e) Integrated fish farming with piggery, poultry, duckery etc. @ 20% of the cost upto Rs. 16000/- per ha. for general category and @ 25% of the cost upto Rs. 20,000/- per ha. for SC/ST.

(f) Provision of aerator @ 25% of the cost upto Rs. 12,500/- per set.

(g) Establishment of small freshwater prawn seed hatchery @ 20% of the cost with maximum ceiling of Rs. 1.60/- lakh to entrepreneurs only.

(h) Establishment of fish feed units @ 20% of the cost upto Rs. 5.00/- lakh.

4. Integrated Coastal Aquaculture

The subsidy is provided for the following components:—

(a) Development/reclamation of brackishwater fish farm and first crop input @ 25% of the capital cost or cost of input for the first year upto Rs. 30,000/- per ha.

(b) Establishment of prawn/shrimp seed hatchery @ 10% of cost upto Rs. 1.00 lakh/hatchery.

5. Welfare of fishermen

The subsidy is provided for the following components:—

(a) Construction of houses Rs. 40,000/- per dwelling unit.

(b) Saving-cum-relief Rs. 600/- per annum per fishermen for marine and @ Rs. 450/- per annum per fishermen for inland.

(c) Accidence insurance—Insurance premium is subsidized.

Remunerative Price for Groundnut

1335. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that groundnut growers in Gujarat and some other States are not getting remunerative price for their produce;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years, togetherwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial action proposed by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) In order to give remunerative prices to the groundnut growers, the Government had fixed Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Groundnut Pods of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) for 2000 and 2001 season at Rs. 1220 per quintal and Rs. 1340 per quintal respectively. The National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), a Central Nodal Agency was directed to undertake price support operations if prices touch MSP level. The market prices of groundnut pods during 2000 in the State of Gujarat ruled above MSP, as such no pruchases were required under the Scheme. However, at certain places in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Orissa prices ruled below MSP and accordingly market intervention was undertaken by NAFED. During 2001 also, as the market prices of groundnut pods, ruled below MSP in certain areas including in the state of Gujarat, NAFED through its cooperative network procured a quantity of 1,62,738 tonnes of groundnut pods as on 16.2.2002. Procurement was suspended after 31.1.2002 in states like Gujarat, Rajasthan